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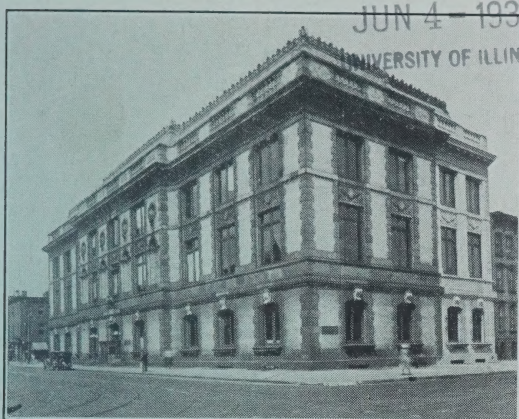
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2,024,294 Books borrowed for home reading.

585,617 Books used in reference rooms in
Library Buildings.

64,252 Pictures used.

1,067,363 Persons used reading and reference
rooms

75,950 Persons visited the Museum and the
exhibitions.

7,961 New borrowers registered.

19,727 Books added.

337,042 Books now in Library.

The Library now has one main building ;
twelve branches, four in buildings owned by the
city ; four in rented buildings ; three in schools ;
and one in the Medical Center.

The Library has seven delivery stations and
maintains deposit collections in schools, industrial
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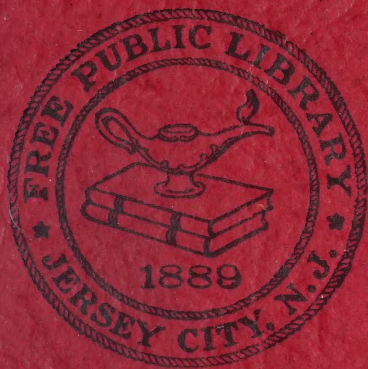
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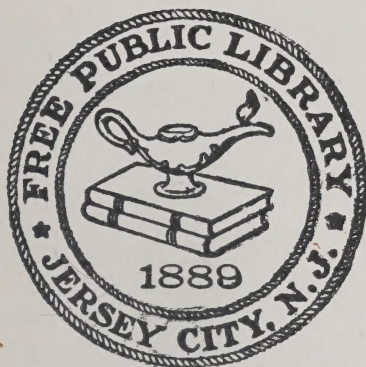
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HON. JOSEPH A. DEAR

The Public Library and the City of Jersey City suffered a serious loss in the death of Judge Joseph A. Dear on July 17, 1947. Judge Dear was a Trustee of the Library for twenty-eight years having been appointed by Mayor Hague in 1919. He became Treasurer in 1920 and served in that capacity until his death. He always took an an active part in the affairs of the Library and its growth and present high standing are due in no small measure to his broad vision and progressive policies.

Judge Dear was editor of the Jersey Journal and was a member of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals. He was prominent in all the civic and charitable activities of the City and was foremost in every movement for the betterment of the community.

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Main Library

Jersey Avenue, Montgomery and Mercer Streets

Branches

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Pavonia Branch.....	Pavonia Ave., and E. Hamilton Pl.
Law Library Branch.....	930 Bergen Avenue
Hospital Branch.....	Medical Center, Jersey City

Open to patients and nurses.

High School Branches

Dickinson High School

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James J. Ferris High School

Lincoln High School

Henry Snyder High School

Veteran's Accredited High School

THE LIBRARY AND THE COMMUNITY

1945 — 1947

The period since the close of the war has been one of great activity in the Library. All departments reported substantial increases in the use of books and other services. In spite of a serious shortage of trained assistants a number of important extensions of library service have been inaugurated. Among these was the establishment of a reference library in the Veteran's Accredited High School located in former Public School No. 1. A large and well selected collection of reference books was installed with a trained librarian in charge. Because of lack of trained people this library has only been open part time but in spite of this nearly eight thousand students have used the collection and consulted more than ten thousand books.

The Library has been cooperating very closely with the Junior College which was established by the Board of Education in September 1946 and is located in Lincoln High School. A large collection of books was supplied by the Public Library to be used by students and faculty while the College Library was being organized. The Lincoln High School Library which is maintained by the Public Library has been opened evenings for the use of Junior College students and a trained librarian from the Public Library staff placed in charge.

The most important extension of the Library's services was the establishment of a branch library in the A. Harry Moore School for Crippled Children. This was made possible by a bequest of several thousand dollars from the Elks Club of Jersey City. This provided for the necessary furniture, shelving and other equipment. The Public Library has supplied all the books and periodicals and has assisted in organizing the Library. The A. Harry Moore School Library was opened in April, 1946 with approximately two thousand books on the shelves. Additional books are being added and current publications specially suited for the students are purchased as soon as issued. The library has been an outstanding success and nearly ten thousand books were borrowed during the first year it was open.

Immediately after V. J. Day plans were made to give special service to the returning service men. The Technology room on the second floor was redecorated and refurnished and a large section set aside for a Veterans room. This was fitted with comfortable chairs, tables and a desk with writing materials for use of the GIs. Books, pamphlets and periodicals of interest to veterans were installed with material of all kinds that might assist the returning service men and women in adjusting themselves to civilian life, obtaining new jobs, learning about new methods or completing their education.

A twelve page handbook was published describing the resources of the Library with emphasis on the services available to veterans. Legion Posts, veterans organizations and welfare groups were asked to co-operate in distributing the handbook and in calling attention to the services the Library was giving. The response was most gratifying and thousands of copies of the handbook were placed in the hands of returning service men and women.

— BOOKS READ —

With the close of the War reading trends changed considerably. The demand for books about the war decreased and the reading of books on the social sciences, international affairs and labor questions greatly increased. Material about vocations, job training and small business management are in great demand by the returning service men. Fiction is still as popular as ever but there is a marked trend toward more serious reading especially religious and inspirational subjects. The total number of books read has greatly increased since the close of the war.

— BOOKS ADDED —

Approximately sixteen thousand books were acquired in 1946 but because of the large number worn out and withdrawn and the difficulty of obtaining replacements the actual increase was comparatively small. However, many of the special collections were greatly enlarged and the best and most important of

the new publications were acquired. Many works of permanent value were added to the technical, business and fine arts departments. The Library now contains nearly four hundred fifty thousand volumes, about two thirds of which are in the Main Library.

The Library endeavors to purchase, so far as funds may permit, the best and most important of the new publications. Book reviews, publishers' lists and announcements are carefully examined to determine the worth of each book and its value to the Library and to the public before it is purchased. Dealers' catalogs are checked for out of print books needed for special collections. Recommendations and requests for books not in the Library are welcomed and are given careful consideration.

— REFERENCE WORK —

The services rendered by the Reference Department are among the most important in the Library. For this reason the increase in attendance and books used in this department during the last two years is particularly gratifying. The total number of books used in the Reference Department in 1946 was 683,544 an increase of 123,632 over the preceding year. These books were used not only by local students but by large numbers of research workers from New York and suburban towns. The problems submitted and studied include practically every branch of human knowledge and range from the simplest to the most abstruse and difficult, but with few exceptions they

were answered and satisfactory research material was supplied.

Beside the general collection of books for reference and research which are in constant use the Reference Department includes several valuable special collections. The largest and one of the most important of these is the periodical section including more than twenty-five thousand bound volumes of American and English magazines and some six hundred current issues all fully indexed. The value of these periodicals is indicated by the constant use made of them by research workers.

The newspaper collection includes practically complete files of every paper published in Jersey City for more than one hundred years and also many New York papers.

The New Jersey Department contains some five thousand books and also many clippings, photographs and miscellaneous material relating to New Jersey. The Teachers' Library has one thousand books and current issues of the principal educational periodicals. The reference collection on business includes financial reports, directories, patents, atlases and maps.

These collections are located in the Main Library but all the branches have large reference departments and give excellent service.

— TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS DEPARTMENT —

The Technology or Useful Arts Department includes books on general science, applied arts, mechanics, electricity, chemistry and allied subjects. The Business Library is included in this department and contains books on business methods, merchandising, sales management, accounting and many other similar subjects. The Technology Department contains approximately ten thousand volumes and the best of the new publications on technical and business subjects are added as soon as published. These books may be borrowed for home study or may be used in the Library. Many technical and trade publications are currently received and kept on file. The Technology Department occupies a large room on the second floor of the Main Library. The Branch libraries also have good collections of technical works and any book in the Main Library will be sent to a branch on request.

— FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT —

Many scarce and valuable books on painting, sculpture, decoration, architecture and allied subjects have been added during the last two years. The collection of works on costume has been greatly enlarged and is now one of the best in the State. Reproductions of famous paintings have been placed on display with books about the artists and the paintings represented. These have been changed at frequent intervals and have resulted in a marked increase in the circulation of books on art.

The Picture Collection has more than one hundred thousand mounted pictures of all kinds and on all subjects. Their use is steadily increasing. The collection of stereoscopic views is very popular and about one hundred fifty thousand were used last year.

An important addition to the Music Section was the large and valuable collection of music scores and band music obtained in 1946 for the Library by Mayor Frank Eggers, at that time City Commissioner. This collection includes complete scores of operas, symphonies, and miscellaneous orchestral and band music, many of which are very scarce. Through the cooperation of Mr. William J. MacKenna these works have been arranged and listed and are now available for general use. A collection of miscellaneous instrumental music belonging to the late Mrs. R. J. Wortendyke was presented by Mr. Wortendyke last year. The collection of books about music and musicians has been greatly enlarged during the last few years.

— LAW LIBRARY —

The use of the Law Library has greatly increased since the close of the war. More than fifty thousand books were used during 1946, an increase of twenty five percent over the war years and the number of students using the Library has almost doubled.

The Law Library Branch is maintained and administered by the Public Library in cooperation with the Hudson County Bar Association which provides the

rooms while the Public Library supplies the books and services. The work is conducted by two trained librarians from the staff of the Public Library. The Law Library now contains more than ten thousand volumes and the collection is kept up to date by the purchase of the necessary reports, statutes and other legal publications as issued. In addition many valuable books have been added through the generous gifts of members of the Bar Association.

— HOSPITAL LIBRARY —

The Hospital Library at the Jersey City Medical Center reports a circulation of thirty-eight thousand books during 1946. The use of books at the Medical Center does not vary much from year to year and averages about this figure each year. The Hospital Library is maintained and administered by the Public Library and has a permanent collection of several thousand books carefully selected for the use of the patients. A trained librarian from the staff of the Public Library is in charge. She visits each ward and room in the hospital bringing books and magazines to the bedside of every patient. Additional books that may be asked for by the patients are supplied from the hospital collection or are furnished from the Main Library. The reading tastes of the patients do not differ greatly from those of the regular readers. Light fiction predominates but there is a marked demand for more serious reading. Books on technical subjects and books in foreign languages are frequently requested.

Most of the books in the permanent collection have recently been replaced by new and more recent publications.

— YOUNG PEOPLES DEPARTMENT —

Work with young people has always been one of the outstanding features of the Library program. To establish good reading habits and create a love for books among the children of the community has been one of the chief aims of the Library. The young peoples room in the Main Library contains several thousand carefully selected books and the best of the current publications for young people are added as issued. A good selection of magazines for young people is kept on file. A teen age corner with suitable books and periodicals has been established in the Main Library and plans have been made to provide a separate room for the teen age group in the near future. All the branches have well equipped young peoples departments and give excellent service to children and teen age readers. A gratifying feature of the young peoples work is the large number of children who come to the library for reference work in connection with their studies. The Main Library and branches all have special school reference departments for these children. The records for the last year show that seventy-five thousand young people used the school reference departments of the Main Library and branches.

— SCHOOLS —

Close cooperation with the Public and Parochial schools has continued as usual during the past few years and all the existing activities have been carried on. The school room libraries have been enlarged. The use of the High School branches has increased materially and many new books have been added to their collections. The library at the Alexander D. Sullivan School has been continued and is doing excellent work. This library was formerly a part of the library of the Snyder High School Annex. When the Annex was closed the high school books were transferred to the Snyder High School. Most of the books which remained were a part of the original grade school library established by the School. These books, together with some additions from the Public Library have been used as a library for the students of the Alexander D. Sullivan School under the sponsorship of the Public Library with a member of the Public Library staff in charge. Because of shortage of help it has only been possible to open this library for two days a week. In spite of this limited service there was a circulation of nearly five thousand books last year.

— CATALOG —

All books received by the Library are carefully classified and cataloged before being placed on the shelves. All entries are made on cards which are placed in the public card catalog at the Main Library. Books for the branch libraries are also cataloged and

the cards placed in the catalogs of the branches. Each book requires a number of cards, varying with the nature and subject of the book. Catalog cards printed by the Library of Congress and the Wilson Company are purchased extensively and their use saves much time and labor. Sixty thousand cards were added last year and the catalog now contains more than a million cards.

In addition to the card catalog a selection of the most important books currently received is listed in the Library Record which is published every two months. The Record has been issued continuously since 1892.

— PUBLIC RELATIONS —

The Public Relations program has been greatly extended during the past few years. Friendly cooperation has been established with the civic and cultural organizations throughout the City. The Library is represented on the most important of these by membership of the Librarian, Assistant Librarian and members of the staff. This has created good will and made the services of the Library better known. The Public Relations Director is a member of the Executive Board of the Hudson County Council of Social Agencies, the Jersey City Womans Club, the International Institute and the Volunteer Service Bureau. The Assistant Librarian is a member of the Executive Board of the Zonta Club. The Library has taken an

active part each year in the "I am an American Day" ceremonies and in the United Nations Dinner held last year. The Public Relations Director has attended the induction of new citizens at the Naturalization Court and has explained the services the Library renders to new citizens.

Many exhibitions showing the resources and services of the Library have been presented in the Library buildings, in schools, theatres and other public places. Exhibitions of books and museum materials have been arranged for the Recreation Division of the Council of Social Agencies, accompanied by lectures showing their use. Exhibitions of paintings from the Museum collections were displayed at each of the concerts of the Philharmonic Symphony Society. Books and display materials have been supplied for meetings held by cultural organizations, discussion groups and many meetings of educational and cultural organizations have been held in the Library rooms. The Jersey City Recreation Department has held sewing classes in the Greenville Branch. The Jersey City Chapter of the Red Cross has conducted courses in home nursing at the Pavonia and Greenville Branches and sponsored lectures on nutrition and diet at the Main Library and several of the branches. Rooms were furnished in the Pavonia Branch Library for the establishment of a Red Cross Center to provide services for the people living in the down town section of Jersey City. The Center was opened early in October, 1947 and has been very successful. Classes in home

nursing, diet, nutrition and first aid are held regularly and other Red Cross activities are carried on.

Conferences of the American Library Association, the New Jersey and New York Library Associations were attended by the Librarian and members of the staff. The Public Relations Director has been editor of the New Jersey Library Association News Letter for the past three years. She and the Librarian are active members of the Library Public Relations Council. News of the Library's activities has been printed in the Calendar of the Art Council of New Jersey and in the Console, published by the Council of Social Agencies.

The most effective means of establishing good public relations has been through the local newspapers which have given generously of their space for news of the Library. The Trustees and the Librarian are very grateful for the cooperation of the publishers of the Jersey Journal, Jersey Observer and Hudson Dispatch.

— MUSEUM —

The Public Library has maintained a museum for many years and through the generous contributions of many public spirited citizens has acquired a large collection of paintings and museum articles of all kinds. During the past few years these collections have been increased and the activities of the Museum extended. The exhibits have been rearranged, relabel-

ed with more adequate descriptions and presented in a more attractive manner. The museum staff has been increased, new exhibition cases have been installed and the rooms renovated.

A junior museum has been established with exhibits specially selected and arranged to attract and interest children and teen age groups. Recreational and informative programs for young people are given under the direction of the museum staff. Children's clubs for nature study, clay modeling, sewing and others meet at regular intervals. The Library Museum has planned and presented exhibitions of various kinds at the branch libraries, schools, theatres and other public places and has loaned exhibits and exhibition materials to many organizations and study groups.

The Library Museum includes the Alvoni R. Allen memorial room, with a collection of antique furniture and rugs; the Otto Goetzke gem exhibit and the Hudson County Historical Society collection of local history.

More than twenty thousand persons visited the Museum in the Main Library during 1946 and many thousands more viewed the exhibitions displayed at schools and other places.

The Jersey City Museum Association in cooperation with the Library during the last two years held a considerable number of exhibitions of paintings and

sculpture. Among these was the Nellie Wright Allen Art Exhibition held each year in memory of Mrs. Alvoni R. Allen. Other outstanding exhibits were the Painters and Sculptors Society of New Jersey; Paintings by the Ford Family of Jersey City; the Exhibition of Hudson County Artists; paintings by Frances R. Pope and many others. All these exhibitions were well attended.

The Jersey City Museum Association was organized in 1931 and in cooperation with the Public Library has sponsored nearly one hundred fifty loan exhibitions of art, science, history and industry which have been attended by nearly four hundred thousand persons. The Association also has a permanent collection of valuable paintings and sculpture acquired through the contributions of its members. The Museum Association works very closely with the Public Library. Most of the loan exhibitions are held in the Bergen Branch Library which has two large and well equipped galleries. The Library gives the use of the galleries and supplies an attendant from the staff of the Library Museum. It is the hope of the Library Trustees that a museum building may be erected in the near future and that the activities of the Library Museum and the Museum Association may be combined and carried on under one roof.

The Summer Museum which was conducted at Lincoln Lodge in Lincoln Park for many years was suspended during the war as the building was being

used as a recreation center for service men. In 1946 the Lodge building was again made available for museum purposes through the cooperation of the Hudson County Park Commission. The Summer Museum was officially opened early in June by City Commissioner Arthur Potterton and several Library Trustees. Exhibits of the work of the Health Division of the Red Cross and the Junior Red Cross were shown. A collection of costume dolls was loaned by Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Alter, mounted animals were presented by Mr. Harvey B. Nelson and exhibits selected from the permanent collections of the Library Museum were also displayed. These exhibits were changed several times during the summer.

An addition to the summer museum program was the installation of a branch library of one thousand volumes and current magazines with an attendant from the Library staff giving complete Library service. Over one thousand books were lent for home use and several thousand were used in the reading section which was set up in a corner of the main room.

The Summer Museum and Library was opened again this year with exhibits of the work of the Fire, Police and Recreation Departments of Jersey City. An exhibition of paintings, silver ornaments and arms and armor of the ancient Vikings designed and executed by Mr. Otto Goetzke, a Trustee of the Jersey City Museum and a former resident of Jersey City,

was also on view.

The 1947 Summer Museum closed on September 30th, having been open to the public daily including Sundays and holidays for three and one half months. The number of visitors recorded was 53,492. Nearly ten thousand persons used the reading room and 2,176 books were lent for home use.

— BUILDINGS —

Repairs and minor improvements have been made in the Main Library and in the branches since the close of the War. New lighting standards were installed at the entrance to the main building to replace the original ones which were worn out after nearly fifty years of use. Many of the rooms in the main building were renovated and painted. New and modern lighting fixtures were installed in most of the public rooms. Minor repairs were made in the branches.

— STATISTICS —

The following is a summary of the Library statistics for 1946. Statistics for 1947 when completed will be published in the Library Record.

STATISTICS FOR 1946

Circulation For Home Reading

Main Library	246,627
Bergen Branch	78,791
Dickinson High School Branch	43,292
Dickinson Accredited Evening High School Branch	2,549
Ferris High School Branch	10,075
Five Corners Branch	40,646
Greenville Branch	93,842
Hudson City Branch	56,137
Junior College	984
Lafayette Branch	24,620
Lincoln High School Branch	36,348
Marion Branch	30,926
Medical Center Branch	37,746
Moore Branch	9,156
Palisade Branch	30,963
Pavonia Branch	55,814
Snyder High School Branch	24,569
Alexander D. Sullivan School Branch	4,827
Deposit Collections	32,688
Schools	304,704
Stations	854
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Reference Use

Main Library	114,222
Branches	569,322
Entire System	683,544
Total use of books	1,849,702
Number of pictures lent	2,281
Number of pictures used in buildings	5,142
Number of stereoscopic pictures lent	1,000
Number of stereoscopic pictures used in buildings	145,420

Attendance in Reading and Reference Rooms

Main Library	99,247
Branches	600,457
Entire System	699,704

Attendance at Exhibitions

Exhibitions at Main Library and Branches	64,308
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Registration

Number of new borrowers registered	5,014
Total number of registered borrowers	96,249

Books

Books acquired	15,644
Books worn out and removed	6,774
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Number of books in Main Library	276,538
Number of books in Branches	159,936
Total contents of Library System	436,474

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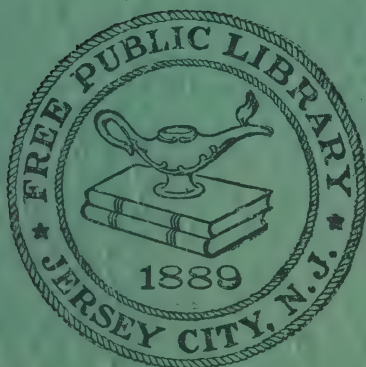
Number of books cataloged	16,037
Number of cards written	45,758
Library of Congress and Wilson Co. cards added	14,454
Total catalog cards added	60,212

Binding

New books bound	370
Books rebound	7,305
Total number of books bound	7,675

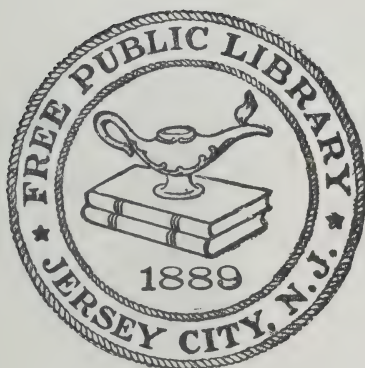
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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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The report of the Library for the year 1951 is herewith
submitted.

The activities of the Library continued as usual during 1951 and all departments and branches report a busy year.

Bringing people and books together is the objective of the Jersey City Public Library and is a most important contribution to the welfare of the community. This service to the public is carried on continuously without interruption from day to day and from year to year.

The use of books for home reading was 874,700. In addition 760,731 books were used in the library buildings, making a total of 1,635,431.

The statistics of circulation show a slight decrease, mostly in fiction and recreational reading. Some of this is undoubtedly due to the popularity of television. However, the fear, frequently expressed, that television will soon supersede the reading of books, is not born out by reading trends of the general public. Libraries and library reading have survived the popularity of the motion picture theatre, the radio, jazz and comic books. That people continue to read is shown by the millions of low priced reprints that are sold each year. These reprints are not all light fiction, and the tremendous sale of reprints of standard classics in all branches of literature, indicate that people will read

books if they are within sufficiently easy reach. Librarians should have no fear of television, because they are constantly devising new methods of reaching the vast number of readers.

A brief survey of reading interests in 1951 finds foreign and industrial relations, the Far East, Korea and politics top the list. Many borrowers have shown great interest in religious and philosophical subjects, due no doubt to a need for personal adjustment. Requests for books on abnormal psychology, psychiatry, and allied subjects were frequent, reflecting this era of anxiety.

BOOKS ADDED

From ten to twelve thousand new books are published every year in the United States. From this flood of books the library must select the best of those that are in popular demand, but must also furnish books of permanent value and interest.

Books bought by the library are selected from publishers announcements, and reviews by competent authorities in specific fields, with the aim of meeting all conceivable inquiries on general and technical subjects.

Replacements for books worn out from constant use must also be purchased. More than a third of the books bought each year are used for replacements.

The various collections are examined at frequent intervals, and obsolete and worn out books are withdrawn

and replaced with later editions, or by better books on the same subject. Last year thirteen thousand, seven hundred and twenty books were purchased but five thousand, three hundred and eighty-eight were withdrawn, leaving a net gain of eight thousand, three hundred and thirty-two books.

REFERENCE WORK

One of the busiest places in the Public Library is the Reference Department in the main building. The rooms are usually filled to capacity with students and research workers. The services rendered by this department are among the most important that the library can give.

The reference collections include a very large part of the contents of the Library. In addition to the general collection of books for reference and research, the Reference Department contains several valuable and useful special collections. The largest and one of the most useful, is the periodical department, consisting of about thirty thousand volumes of American and English magazines, fully indexed and supplemented by some five hundred current periodicals.

The New Jersey collection contains approximately five thousand books on New Jersey and thousands of pamphlets, pictures and clippings.

A unique collection is the file of local newspapers, containing complete issues of all Jersey City newspapers from 1829 to date. Many other newspapers are on file,

including the New York Times and its indexes, from 1913 to date. These newspapers are now being copied on microfilm for permanent preservation.

There is a reference collection of books of special interest for teachers, and there are many important reference works in the Business and Technology Department.

The branches all have excellent collections of general reference books.

According to the statistics for 1951 the total number of reference books consulted in the Main Library and Branches was nearly eight hundred thousand.

ART AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The transfer of circulation books on art to the music department, adjoining the art reference room, has proven very popular and has resulted in greater use of both the circulating and reference collections. The art collection has been greatly strengthened during the past two years. Many valuable art books have been acquired and are used by art students, teachers and the general public.

The collection of books on costume is especially large and valuable. Most of the books on costume were purchased during the depression, when books on art subjects could be obtained at low prices, with the result that we now have one of the best libraries of costume books in the State. A large and useful collection of books on ceramics is maintained, also a collection of mounted pictures, num-

bering more than one hundred thousand prints of all kinds and on all subjects. They are used extensively by teachers and students. More than six thousand were borrowed last year. Steroscopic educational pictures are used extensively by children.

The Music Room fills an absorbing interest in the cultural life of Jersey City. Musical scores and books about music are in great demand. New publications are being added as soon as issued.

A gift of the Blaufuss music collection was presented to the Library by Dr. Berthold T. D. Schwarz, consisting of compositions by all the masters - old, modern, classic, semi-classic and popular. An arrangement for groups starting violin and piano up to some full orchestrations.

This gift is an addition to the collection of music given by Dr. Schwarz in memory of his son Eric, who lost his life in the second world war. Dr. Schwarz also presented the Music Room with a modern combination radio and record player.

A program of educational films is shown throughout the year and has been well attended.

A representative collection of records is available for use in the Library and may also be borrowed for home use. The collection is being increased as rapidly as funds permit. It includes operas, symphonies and other classical and popular music and a good collection of language instruction records. They are used regularly by teachers, students and the general public.

THE BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Business and Technology collections are shelved in a separate room in the main library building and contain approximately ten thousand volumes.

Every effort is made to keep the collection up to date and keep pace with the constantly changing picture of scientific progress and the latest developements in business administration. New books are purchased as soon as published. The collection is examined at frequent intervals and obsolete books are withdrawn and replaced with later editions. The use of this department is increasing. This is notable in research work. More than 2000 persons used the room for this purpose.

LAW LIBRARY

The Law Library, one of the largest in the State, is located in the rooms of the Hudson County Bar Association at Journal Square and is in constant use by lawyers throughout the county. According to statistics for 1951 two thousand persons used the library.

The Law Library is maintained as a branch of the Public Library in cooperation with the Hudson County Bar Association which supplies the rooms, the Public Library furnishing the books and service.

The Law Branch is in charge of two librarians from the staff of the Public Library, who have had long experience in law library work.

MEDICAL CENTER BRANCH

The Hospital Library at the Medical Center is maintained by the Public Library. The collection is shelved in a large room located in the main building of the Medical Center. This room is furnished for library use and is fitted up for convalescent patients who wish to read. The collection contains several thousand books carefully selected for hospital patients and includes fiction, non-fiction and books for children. The hospital library is in charge of an experienced librarian from the staff of the Public Library. She visits each room and ward in the hospital, bringing books and magazines to the bedside of each patient. The patients select from the books brought to them or may obtain other books from the general collection as requested.

WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

One of the needs outlined in last year's report - special service for young people - will be accomplished in 1952. A special room for teen age young people will be opened in Greenville Branch, fitted with attractive furniture and equipment, with a large collection of books, including vocational materials and career books. Shortage of personnel has been responsible for the delay in offering this service to our young people.

A Teen Age corner is popular in the Main Library and similar space is set aside at the large branches for teen age readers.

There has been a noticable demand by teen agers for

career books and teachers are alert for new books on guidance for youth.

WORK WITH CHILDREN

Work with children has always been one of the outstanding features of the Library program. The Children's Room at the Main Library contains several thousand volumes, including all the children's classics and the best of the new publications. The larger branches have separate rooms fully equipped with large collections.

The smaller branches have good collections with space set aside for the exclusive use of children. All the libraries are provided with books for children's study and reference. "The Story Hour" is held regularly at the Main Library and at several of the branches.

Every summer there is a vacation reading project. Last year the "Orange Tree Project" was a tremendous success. After the child had read a book and written a short review, an imitation orange with the child's name was pinned on the orange tree. Certificates were awarded at the end of the season.

BRANCHES

In addition to the Main Library building there are now fifteen branches; four in buildings owned by the city, four in rented buildings, five in schools, one in the Medical Center, and the Law Library Branch located in the Bar Association building.

The eight general branches were established twenty to thirty years ago with the aim of giving library service to all parts of the city. The growth of the community and shifting of population have changed the picture and now many localities are without adequate library facilities. The need for additional service in certain parts of the city is increasing and additional branches or other means of supplying library service is being considered.

SCHOOL BRANCHES

The Library has always cooperated closely with the schools, providing class room libraries for both public and parochial schools. A special collection of books and periodicals on teaching and educational subjects is maintained and used extensively by student-teachers, and others interested in modern trends in education.

The libraries in the high schools of Jersey City are maintained by the Public Library, which furnishes the books, periodicals and service, the Board of Education supplying the rooms, furniture and equipment. This system was established early in the history of the Library by mutual agreement between the Library Trustees and the Board of Education. This system is unusual in New Jersey but it has worked with great success in Jersey City. The first high school library under this agreement was established in Dickinson in 1908. This was followed in 1912 by the opening of Lincoln High School Branch. The Snyder and Ferris libraries were opened in 1926 and 1934 respectively. These libraries contain from six to ten thou-

sand volumes, and give complete library service, including visual aids, for students and faculty. Similar service is given to the A. Harry Moore School for Crippled Children. This library was established in 1946 with the help of the Jersey City Elks Club, which contributed several thousand dollars from a bequest made by one of its members. This provided for the necessary furniture, shelving and other equipment; the Public Library supplying books and periodicals. It is maintained by the Public Library, with a trained librarian in charge, assisted by a graduate of the school, employed by the Board of Education. Nearly seventeen thousand books were circulated in 1951 and twenty-five thousand books were used for reference work. Because of handicaps of the children in the A. Harry Moore School, the work accomplished in this library is particularly valuable and gratifying.

A small branch is open two days a week at the Alexander D. Sullivan Elementary School. Books are distributed to the children by a librarian from the Public Library Staff. In spite of this limited service more than seven thousand books were circulated last year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Cooperation with educational, civic and cultural groups has been a regular function of the library. The Director, Assistant Directors, and members of the staff are active representatives on many of the Executive Boards of Jersey City organizations.

The display of books on every conceivable subject

throughout the Main Library and Branches has attracted many casual readers who would never have thought to ask for books on these subjects. All the holidays, anniversaries and special occasions, have been observed by appropriate exhibits of books, pictures and posters. Catholic Book Week, Jewish Book Month, Negro History Week, and many others were included.

In cooperation with the Jersey City Museum Association a regular program of loan exhibitions of paintings, sculpture and crafts has been presented at the Bergen Branch Exhibition Galleries. These exhibitions were well attended. Exhibitions have been shown at the concerts of the Jersey City Philharmonic Symphony Society.

During the past year the Assistant Director has given several book reviews and talks to organizations on the facilities of the Library. The Children's Librarian has spoken on children's reading to Parent Teacher groups.

Rooms at the Branches are used frequently by Garden Clubs, Boy Scouts, Stamp Clubs, and others. The Jersey City Recreational Department is using rooms at Greenville Branch for conducting sewing and art craft classes.

A pamphlet greeting new citizens and describing the activities of the Library has been prepared by the Assistant Director and distributed at the induction ceremonies.

The program of Public Relations has received much help and cooperation from the local newspapers. We express our thanks to the Jersey Journal, the Hudson

Dispatch and the Newark News, for generous space given the Library.

MEMORIAL SHELF

The Memorial Shelf was established in response to a suggestion that books make a most lasting and fitting memorial, and when placed in the Public Library will be a useful contribution to the community and will enable the people of Jersey City to share in the memory of the deceased.

Two gifts were made to the shelf last year. One was Winston Churchill's book on the war, entitled "Their Finest Hour," given by Barbara and Harold Tufty, in memory of Brian Dear. A set of the Old Testament, newly translated from the Vulgate Latin, by Monsignor Ronald Knox and a copy of the New Testament, a new translation by Monsignor Knox, were presented in memory of Mrs. Michael Grohol (Mary Spaide), by the customers and employees of Lombardy's Ice Cream Parlor.

MUSEUM

Soon after the Library was moved into its new building the formation of a Museum was undertaken. In a short time a valuable collection of objects of local and historical interest, natural history specimens and works of art were acquired through the generous gifts of public spirited citizens. The collections have grown steadily, enhanced by many large and valuable gifts, such as the Alvoni Allen

collection of oriental rugs and antique furniture; the McGill collection of coins and medals; the August Wills paintings of old Jersey City and many other works of art, science and history. These collections have increased so rapidly that the Museum now occupies the entire fourth floor of the Main Library building, and many articles are stored away because of lack of space.

All the exhibits are suitably displayed and are carefully labeled with complete and accurate descriptions, which add greatly to the educational value of the collection.

A Junior Museum is now being conducted with exhibits specially selected and arranged to attract and interest children of all ages. Recreational and educational programs are given at frequent intervals. Children's clubs have been organized for nature study, clay modeling and sewing.

In 1931 a group of prominent citizens, interested in the cultural affairs of the community, established the Jersey City Museum Association, to help and cooperate with the Library Museum, to present free exhibitions of art, science and history, to stimulate interest in art and other cultural matters in the hope that eventually an adequate museum, with a suitable building, may be established. It is the hope and aim of the Museum Trustees that a museum building will be erected in the near future and that all the museum collections and activities will be under one roof.

The Association has been successful in its primary objective. Each year it gives a dozen or more exhibitions of art and other subjects, has sponsored lectures, and in-

creased public interest in art and cultural activities.

During the twenty years since its establishment it has presented approximately two hundred and fifty exhibitions of all kinds and sponsored many other educational and cultural programs, which have been attended by thousands of persons. The Public Library has granted the use of the Exhibition Galleries to present these affairs and has given the services of its museum staff to assist in presenting the exhibits. All other expenses have been paid for by the Association.

The Association has a valuable collection of paintings and sculpture acquired through gifts of its members.

CATALOG

The preparation of the books to be added to the library shelves is a necessary task and although it is done behind the scenes, it is an important service performed by the library staff. Every book received by the Library is carefully examined and classified in accordance with the Dewey decimal classification. Cards are then made and placed in the public card catalogs of the Main Library and Branches. Each book is cataloged under the author, title and subject and requires a number of cards, varying with the nature and subject matter of the book. The Library of Congress and Wilson Company's printed cards are used extensively. Supplementing the card catalog, bibliographies prepared by the Library Staff and many commercial lists are used and distributed.

TRUSTEES

Several changes occurred in the Board of Trustees during the year. Mr. Vincent J. O'Shea resigned his membership and Mr. Thomas J. Finn was appointed in his place. Mr. Edmund W. Miller resigned as President and Judge Mark M. Sullivan, Jr. was elected to fill the office.

LIBRARY STAFF

There have been several changes in the staff since the last report. Mrs. Ada Cox, who had been librarian of the branch library in the Medical Center for twelve years, died October 23, 1950. Her pleasant personality and efficient service endeared her to patients and nurses. Miss Grace Walsh, senior librarian at the Dickinson High School Library, died suddenly on July 11, 1951. She was a young woman of great ability and was a fine librarian. She was greatly liked by teachers and students. Miss Alice Haughey, senior librarian at the Hudson City Branch, died September 28, 1950. Miss Haughey was very popular with the borrowers at this branch.

Mr. William J. Roehrenbeck, Librarian of Fordham University, was appointed Assistant Director of the Jersey City Public Library on November 1, 1951. He is a graduate of St. Peters College and of the Columbia School of Library Science. He is an experienced librarian of great ability and will be a valuable asset to the Jersey City Library.

BUILDINGS

An increase in the 1951 budget enabled the Library Trustees to make many needed repairs and improvements. The interiors of the Bergen and Pavonia Branches were repainted and renovated. New asphalt tile flooring has been installed in the principal rooms in the main building. Many repairs and minor improvements have been made in the branches.

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The Free Public Library has now completed sixty years of service to the people of Jersey City. The history of the Library during these years has been one of constant growth and continuous improvement. Opened in July, 1891, in the basement of the old bank building on Washington Street, with inadequate facilities and a limited field of service, it has become a large and well equipped organization, with a large central building and fifteen branches throughout the city. The Library has functioned through three wars and survived the greatest depression in the history of our country, but at no time have its services been discontinued or materially reduced.

During the sixty years of its existence it has circulated sixty-four million books; it has given educational service to millions of men, women and children, who have come to its doors seeking knowledge and enlightenment and has brought culture, recreation, and happiness into hundreds of thousands of homes.

The Public Library is the most democratic of American institutions. It serves old and young, rich and poor, regardless of race or creed. There has never been a time in the history of our country when such an institution is so badly needed. The library can do much to uphold the American way of life and influence the people of the community to a deeper appreciation of democratic ideals.

The Jersey City Library has done great work in the past and is looking forward to greater services and broader fields of endeavor in the years to come.

In closing I wish to thank the Trustees for their un-failing cooperation, help and advice and I express my appreciation to the members of the staff for their efficient work and cooperation.

*The following is a summary of the
Library Statistics for 1951.*

LIBRARY STATISTICS — 1951

Circulation for Home Reading

Main Library	203,012
Bergen Branch	73,326
Dickinson High School Branch	38,429
Dickinson Accredited Evening High School Branch	6,380
Ferris High School Branch	9,484
Five Corners Branch	37,586
Greenville Branch	81,174
Hudson City Branch	38,779
Lafayette Branch	23,589
Lincoln High School Branch	24,047
Marion Branch	21,827
Medical Center Branch	14,332
A. Harry Moore School Branch	16,605
Palisade Branch	41,790
Pavonia Branch	61,946
Snyder High School Branch	22,061
Alexander D. Sullivan School Branch	7,252
Deposit Collections	2,332
Schools	150,476
Stations	273
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Reference Use

Main Library	147,934
Branches	612,797
Entire System	760,731
Total Use of Books	1,635,431
Number of pictures lent	6,048
Number of pictures used in Buildings	1,459
Number of phonograph records borrowed	4,241
Number of persons listening to records in department	1,824
Number of stereoscopic pictures used in Buildings	4,550

Attendance in Reading and Reference Rooms

Main Library	96,143
Branches	536,179
Entire System	632,322

Attendance at Exhibitions

Exhibitions at Main Library and Branches	95,983
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Cataloging

Number of books cataloged	16,375
Number of cards written	46,980
Library of Congress and Wilson Co. cards added	15,865
Total catalog cards added	79,220

Registration

Number of new borrowers registered	4,760
Total number of registered borrowers	110,770

Books

Books acquired	13,720
Books worn out and removed	5,388
Net gain	8,332
Number of books in the Main Library	288,373
Number of books in Branches	162,367
Total contents of Library System	450,740

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Circulation for Home Reading

Main Library	232,579
Bergen Branch	235,525
Five Corners Branch.....	74,333
Greenville Branch	153,253
Hudson City Branch.....	141,656
Lafayette Branch	88,984
Pavonia Branch	125,870
Dickinson High School Branch...	54,287
Lincoln High School Branch....	21,083
Stations	26,037
Deposit Collections	41,565
Schools	278,043
Entire system	1,473,215
Increase over 1924, largest pre- ceding year	14,873
Circulation per capita.....	4.90

Reference Use:—

Main Library	44,589
Branches	356,247
Entire system	400,836
Total use of books.....	1,874,051
Increase over 1924, largest preceding year	62,110

Attendance in Reading and Reference Rooms:—

Main Library	102,185
Branches	594,974
Entire system	697,159
Number of new borrowers registered	6,511
Total number of registered borrowers	110,199
Books acquired	24,009
Books worn out and removed.....	13,141
Net gain	10,868
Number of books in Main Library...	193,543
Number of books in Branches.....	74,613
Total contents Library system.....	268,156

Meetings:—

Three illustrated travel talks given at the Bergen Branch. Estimated attendance 1,000.

Various educational organizations held meetings at the Main Library and Branches.

Exhibitions:—

Collection of paintings of wild flowers, painted by Mrs. Alvoni R. Allen and presented by her to the Library; exhibited at the Pavonia Branch Library.

Views of old Jersey City, painted and sketched by August Will; exhibited at the Pavonia Branch.

Oil paintings painted and lent to the Library by the Guild of American Painters; exhibited at the Bergen Branch Library and at the Pavonia Branch Library.

"Children's books of yesterday and today;" exhibited at the Pavonia Branch Library.

Total estimated attendance 6,500.

Permanent exhibitions of museum objects, paintings, etc., in separate exhibition rooms at the Main Library, the Bergen Branch and the Pavonia Branch. These exhibitions include the collection of paintings by American artists bequeathed by Dr. Henry S. Drayton; the painting by Edward W. Redfield, acquired from the Ranger Fund; the collection of coins and medals containing several thousand specimens bequeathed by Dr. John D. McGill; the collection of Indian implements presented by Dr. William Pyle and many other historical relics, natural history specimens, engravings, pictures, prints, etc. The number of visitors to these exhibitions has not been recorded.

Building Improvements and Extensions:—

Property was purchased during the year for the erection of an extension and enlargement of the Main Library Building.

The corner stone of the new Greenville Branch Library building was laid in July, 1925, and the building is now nearly completed.

Agencies of Distribution:—

1 Main Library.

8 Branch Libraries; 3 in buildings owned by the city; 3 in rented buildings; 2 in school buildings.

10 Delivery stations.

Deposit collections in schools, industrial plants, community centres, fire houses, etc.

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The year 1927 has been one of great activity in the Library and marked progress has been made in all departments of the institution. The use of books has been larger than ever before, the circulation for home reading being 1,652,740, an increase of nearly ten per cent. over the largest preceding year. In addition 468,419 books were used in the reading and reference rooms and 828,006 persons visited the Library and branches for study and reading.

Plans for the erection of an extension to the Main Library Building were completed during the year and contracts for the work were awarded in October, 1927. The work is now well under way and the extension should be completed before the present year is over. The enlargement, as now planned, will increase the size of the building by nearly fifty per cent. and will provide additional shelving for 150,000 volumes.

Some idea of the work of the Library during the past year may be obtained from the following statistics:

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CIRCULATION FOR HOME READING

Main Library	284,397
Bergen Branch	248,665
Five Corners Branch	84,763
Greenville Branch	209,598
Hudson City Branch	154,834
Lafayette Branch	76,957
Pavonia Branch	142,618
Dickinson High School Branch.....	62,542
Dickinson High School Accredited Evening School Branch	1,072
Jersey City Hospital Branch.....	21,834
Lincoln High School Branch.....	29,320
Snyder Junior High School Branch...	19,843
Deposit Collections	7,483
Schools	291,134
Stations	17,680
Entire System	1,652,740
Increase over 1926, largest preceding year	123,221
Circulation per capita (based on popu- lation as estimated by U. S. Census Bureau, 1927)	5.14

REFERENCE USE

Main Library	57,947
Branches	410,472
Entire System	468,419
Total use of books.....	2,121,159
Increase over 1926, largest preceding year	139,788
Number of pictures lent.....	15,726
Number of stereoscopic pictures lent..	3,712
Number of stereoscopic pictures used in building	8,744

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ATTENDANCE IN READING AND REFERENCE ROOMS

Main Library	102,296
Branches	725,710
Entire System	828,006

REGISTRATION

Number of new borrowers registered	8,265
Total number of registered borrowers	121,369

BOOKS

Books acquired	26,847
Books worn out and removed.....	16,045
Net gain	10,802
Number of books in Main Library....	201,531
Number of books in Branches.....	90,056
Total Contents Library System.....	291,587

CATALOGUING

Number of books catalogued	29,514
Number of cards written.....	73,431

BINDING

New books bound	720
Books rebound	13,876
Total number of books bound.....	14,596

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition of portraits and other paintings by Leopold Charles Matzal, shown at the Bergen Branch Library.

Paintings in oil and water colors by Miss M. Ross Kelly of Jersey City, exhibited at the Bergen Branch.

Exhibition of American Book Illustration arranged by the American Institute of Graphic Arts, shown at the Bergen Branch.

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Exhibition of small sculpture in soap, consisting of about one hundred well designed statuettes modeled in white soap. Shown at the Greenville Branch.

Tenth Annual Exhibition of fish held under the auspices of the Hudson County Aquarium Society at the Hudson City Branch.

Exhibitions of books and pictures, in connection with Children's Book Week, were given at the Main Library and Branches. The exhibition at the Greenville Branch included an interesting collection of children's books published from fifty to one hundred years ago.

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Collection of paintings of wild flowers painted by Mrs. Alvoni R. Allen and presented by her to the Library. Consists of over two hundred framed paintings in water colors.

Oil paintings by American artists bequeathed to the Library by Dr. Henry S. Drayton. Thirty framed paintings.

Views of Old Jersey City painted and sketched by August Will, consisting of one hundred and two framed pictures.

Oil painting by Edward W. Redfield, acquired from the Ranger Fund.

Collection of coins, medals and paper money, containing several thousand specimens, bequeathed by Dr. John D. McGill.

Collection of Indian implements presented by Dr. William Pyle.

Miscellaneous collections of museum objects, including historical relics, natural history specimens, engravings, pictures, prints, etc.

These collections are on view in the exhibition rooms of the Main Library and Branches.

Many of these collections have not been kept permanently in any one place, but have been exhibited for limited periods at the various branches. This system of rotating important collections has been very satisfactory and has stimulated interest and increased the attendance.

These various temporary and permanent exhibitions were visited by 27,253 persons during the year.

MEETINGS

A number of educational organizations held meetings at the Main Library and at the branches, but no records have been kept of the number of these meetings nor of the attendance. Many of these organizations meet regularly in the Library rooms.

PUBLICATIONS DURING THE YEAR

American flag; its origin and history. 24 pages.

St. Patrick, second edition, revised. 12 pages.

Thanksgiving Day, fourth edition. 12 pages.

Condensed report of the work of the Library, 1926. 8 pages.

Library Record, six numbers.

In addition to these publications, the Library purchased and distributed in large quantities a number of book lists compiled and published by other institutions.

AGENCIES OF DISTRIBUTION

1 Main Library.

10 Branch Libraries; 4 in buildings owned by the City; 2 in rented buildings; 3 in school buildings; 1 in City Hospital.

8 Delivery Stations.

Deposit collections in schools, industrial plants, community centres, fire houses, etc.

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The work of the Public Library during the year 1928 has been the largest in the history of the institution. An increase in the use of books is reported by the Main Library and by each of the branches and marked progress has been made in the other activities of the Library.

The total number of books circulated for home reading was 1,737,077, an increase of 84,337 over the largest preceding year. In addition 478,270 books were used in the reference departments of the Main Library and branches, making the total recorded use of books 2,215,347. This does not include books and magazines used in the reading rooms of which no records are kept. More than 800,000 persons used the reading and reference rooms and 29,000 persons visited the Museum and Exhibition Rooms at the Main Library and branches.

During the year, 20,874 books were purchased, three-fourths of which were used to replace books worn out in service. The Library now contains 296,753 volumes.

The service of the Library is being constantly extended and every effort is made to bring its resources within the reach of all portions of the community. The library

branch at Lincoln High School was opened for the use of the summer school students and the branch librarian reports an attendance of about 3,000 and a corresponding use of books. The library at Dickinson High School was open every evening that the Accredited Evening High School was in session and was used by nearly 4,000 students.

One of the Library's most interesting and gratifying activities is the circulation of books to the patients of the City Hospital. A permanent collection of books containing nearly 1,000 volumes is maintained at the hospital in charge of a librarian who gives her entire time to this work. She visits every ward and every room in the hospital at regular intervals, bringing with her a collection of about one hundred attractive books shelved in a specially constructed truck which is wheeled to the patients' bedsides and from which the patients select their books or are given the books they may have previously asked for. More than 23,000 books were circulated in the Jersey City Hospital in this way last year.

The enlargement of the Main Library building is nearly completed and the new extension will probably be ready for use early in the present year. The progress of this work has been slow owing to the care necessary in matching materials and fitting the new rooms into the older portions of the building and because of the difficulty of performing a building operation of this kind while the regular routine work of the library was being

carried on. This has been accomplished very successfully and without any interruption of the library service and with but slight inconvenience to the public. The enlargement will increase the size of the building by nearly fifty per cent and will provide additional shelving for 150,000 volumes. The increase in the size of the building will make possible a number of much needed changes in the arrangement of the present rooms which will result in greater convenience and efficiency of administration. It will also make possible the establishment of several new departments, chief of which will be a department of useful arts and a department of business research. This will enable the Trustees to enlarge the present valuable collections of books on these subjects and make them more convenient and useful to the public.

The Library Museum has been open every day during the past year and has been visited by 12,000 persons. The Museum contains a number of valuable collections and new objects of interest are constantly being added. The enlargement of the building will greatly increase the space available for exhibition purposes and will permit of the rearrangement of the present collections and the placing on view of many valuable and interesting objects that have been stored away because of lack of exhibition space. A considerable amount of work in the rearrangement, reclassification and labeling of the Museum objects has already been accomplished.

The following statistics will give some idea of the work of the Library during the past year:

CIRCULATION FOR HOME READING

Main Library	296,666
Bergen Branch	270,392
Five Corners Branch	86,262
Greenville Branch	218,106
Hudson City Branch	165,067
Lafayette Branch	82,549
Pavonia Branch	144,856
Dickinson High School Branch	75,616
Dickinson High School Accredited Evening School Branch	1,351
Jersey City Hospital Branch	23,186
Lincoln High School Branch	37,188
Snyder Junior High School Branch ...	22,026
Deposit Collections	7,473
Schools	294,741
Stations	11,598
Entire System	1,737,077
Increase over 1927, largest preceding year	84,337
Circulation per capita (based on population as estimated by U. S. Census Bureau, 1928)	5.35

REFERENCE USE

Main Library	91,545
Branches	386,725
Entire System	478,270
Total use of books	2,215,347
Increase over 1927, largest preceding year	94,188
Number of pictures lent	13,717
Number of stereoscopic pictures lent ..	10,157
Number of stereoscopic pictures used in building	18,036

ATTENDANCE IN READING AND REFERENCE ROOMS

Main Library	104,327
Branches	699,294
Entire System	803,621

REGISTRATION

Number of new borrowers registered..	7,555
Total number of registered borrowers.	126,100

BOOKS

Books acquired	20,874
Books worn out and removed	15,708
Net gain	5,166
Number of books in Main Library	203,313
Number of books in Branches	93,440
Total Contents Library System	296,753

CATALOGUING

Number of books catalogued	23,097
Number of cards written	61,004

BINDING

New books bound	542
Books rebound	21,272
Total number of books bound	21,814

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibitions of paintings and etchings by New Jersey Artists, shown at the Bergen Branch.

Reproductions of famous paintings shown at the Bergen Branch, and at the Greenville and Pavonia Branches.

Eleventh annual exhibition of fancy and tropical fish held under the auspices of the Hudson County Aquarium Society at the Hudson City Branch.

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Exhibitions of books and pictures, in connection with Children's Book Week, were given at the Main Library and the branch libraries. An interesting feature of these exhibits was a collection of children's books published from fifty to one hundred years ago.

In addition to these temporary exhibitions, the permanent collections of paintings and historical and scientific objects owned by the Library were shown at the Main Library and at the branches. The most important of these have been enumerated in other publications of the Library.

These various permanent and temporary exhibitions were visited by 29,142 persons during the year.

MEETINGS

Many educational organizations held meetings at the Main Library and branches during the year. A number of these organizations meet regularly in the library rooms.

PUBLICATIONS DURING THE YEAR

The only publications issued during the year were the Library Record, which is issued every two months and contains the list of new books added to the Library; the Library Report and various small book lists, announcements and similar publications. A large number of book lists compiled and printed by other institutions were purchased and distributed by the Library.

AGENCIES OF DISTRIBUTION

1 Main Library.

10 Branch Libraries; 4 in buildings owned by the City; 2 in rented buildings; 3 in school buildings; 1 in City Hospital.

8 Delivery Stations.

Deposit collections in schools, industrial plants, community centres, fire houses, etc.

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The year 1929 has been one of great activity in the Library. Many improvements in the service have been introduced and marked progress has been made in all departments of the institution. The number of books circulated for home reading was 1,623,819, and in addition 492,224 were used in the reference departments of the Main Library and branches. This does not include many thousands of books and magazines used in the reading rooms of which no records are kept. The number of persons using the reading and reference rooms was 804,791 and 20,098 persons visited the Museum and exhibition rooms at the Main Library and branches.

During the year, 21,318 books were purchased, three-fourths of which were bought to replace books worn out in service. The Library now contains 302,328 volumes.

Some idea of the work of the Library during last year may be obtained from the following statistics:

CIRCULATION FOR HOME READING

Main Library	288,620
Bergen Branch	244,235
Five Corners Branch.....	75,917
Greenville Branch	194,717
Hudson City Branch.....	150,063
Lafayette Branch	79,087
Pavonia Branch	149,139
Dickinson High School Branch.....	77,337
Dickinson High School Accredited Evening School Branch.....	1,619
Jersey City Hospital Branch.....	24,015
Lincoln High School Branch.....	41,815
Snyder Junior High School Branch..	20,908
Deposit Collections	6,734
Schools	259,665
Stations	9,948
Entire System	1,623,819
Circulation per capita (based on popu- lation as estimated by U. S. Census Bureau, 1928).....	5.00

REFERENCE USE

Main Library	102,157
Branches	390,067
Entire System	492,224
Total use of books.....	2,116,043
Number of pictures lent.....	16,259
Number of stereoscopic pictures lent	4,900
Number of stereoscopic pictures used in building	19,213

ATTENDANCE IN READING AND REFERENCE ROOMS

Main Library	94,234
Branches	710,557
Entire System	804,791

REGISTRATION

Number of new borrowers registered	7,331
Total number of registered borrowers	130,493

BOOKS

Books acquired	21,318
Books worn out and removed.....	15,743
Net gain	5,575
Number of books in Main Library....	205,520
Number of books in Branches.....	96,808
Total contents of Library System....	302,328

CATALOGUING

Number of books catalogued.....	18,735
Number of cards written	45,493

BINDING

New books bound	452
Books rebound	19,300
Total number of books bound.....	19,752

ENLARGEMENT OF BUILDING

The chief event in the history of the Library during last year was the completion

of the addition to the Main Library building. This has increased the floor space of the building by nearly fifty per cent. and has provided additional shelving for about one hundred and fifty thousand books. The extension is in the rear of the old building and has an additional frontage of twenty-five feet on Montgomery Street and a like amount on Mercer Street.

The new eight story steel book stack immediately adjoins and is connected with the old book stack and also with the new rooms at the Montgomery Street end of the building.

On the first floor of the new addition at the Montgomery Street end of the building has been placed the Law Library. This room is twice the size of the room formerly occupied by the Law Library and is much more convenient. On the second floor immediately over the Law Library is the Technology Department. This is a new department in which will be gathered all the books on useful arts, both for circulation and reference, which are now separated in several places in the Library. This room is fitted with shelving for about ten thousand books and equipped with magazine racks and tables and chairs for students and readers. The technical books will be moved into this room and the room opened to the public within a very short time. The collection of books will be increased as

rapidly as the finances of the Library will permit.

On the third floor in the new addition at this end has been placed the reference collection of books on art which has been considerably enlarged. The bound newspapers, of which the Library has a large collection, have been shelved on the fourth floor at this end of the building.

The addition at the Mercer Street end of the building contains several new work rooms on the first and second floors. On the third floor at this end has been placed the Business Research Department which has been equipped with directories of all the cities of New Jersey as far as published, and the principal trade directories, business manuals and important books of business reference. This room has telephone connections with all departments of the Library and with the public telephone, and the department is in charge of an experienced librarian who will give prompt attention to requests for business information.

The new extension will provide additional rooms for the staff, including a rest room and a luncheon room. Most of the rooms in the old part of the building remain as before. Three automatic book lifts, one of which is equipped to carry passengers, will enable the books to be distributed to every

floor and every department with the greatest possible dispatch. A new passenger elevator has been installed. The telephone system has been enlarged by the installation of an additional trunk line and twelve extensions.

The old building has been completely renovated both inside and out and all of the rooms have been redecorated. A new roof has been installed to take the place of the old roof which had been in service for twenty-eight years. Many of the rooms have been refurnished and the children's room has been rearranged and equipped with new shelving.

These improvements were effected without interruption of the library service and with little inconvenience to the public, although in many cases it was necessary to transfer temporarily the work of certain departments to other rooms.

EXHIBITIONS

The following exhibitions were held during the year:

Exhibition of Early Children's Books from the collection of Mr. Wilbur Macey Stone. This exhibition was given at the Bergen Branch Library and was opened with a lecture by Mr. Stone on the early history of children's books.

Exhibition of Etchings by C. Jac Young held at the Bergen Branch.

Exhibition of Etchings given under the auspices of the Jersey City Art Club at the Bergen Branch.

American Book Illustration during 1928; arranged by the American Institute of Graphic Arts, exhibited at the Bergen Branch.

Fifty Books of the Year and Printing for Commerce, arranged by the American Institute of Graphic Arts, shown at the Bergen Branch and at the Greenville Branch.

Exhibition of fancy and tropical fish under the auspices of the Hudson County Aquarium Society at the Hudson City Branch.

Exhibitions of children's books were given at the Main Library and at each of the branches during Children's Book Week.

The various collections of paintings and historical and scientific objects owned by the Library were on exhibition at the Main Library and branches throughout the year.

The Museum at the Main Library building was closed for several weeks while the rooms were being renovated, which of course, reduced the attendance somewhat. The number of persons visiting the Museum and the various temporary and permanent exhibitions noted above was 20,098.

MEETINGS

Many educational organizations held meetings at the Main Library and branches dur-

ing the year. An illustrated lecture on "Sculpture and how it is made," was given by Mr. Harry Lewis Raul at the Bergen Branch, and was well attended.

PUBLICATIONS

The Library Record, giving the list of new books, the Library Report, and various small book lists and announcements were issued during the year. A number of book lists compiled and printed by other institutions were distributed by the Library.

AGENCIES OF DISTRIBUTION

1 Main Library.

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8 Delivery Stations.

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With the close of 1930, the Free Public Library of Jersey City has completed another year of its history and in accordance with the usual custom, we must stop and take account of what has been done. The record of progress made during the year is very gratifying. Some branches and departments have made greater gains than others, but practically all show a steady growth and a satisfactory condition.

The circulation of books for home reading was 1,702,853, an increase of 79,034 over the year 1929. In addition, 452,862 books were used in the reference departments of the main library and branches. This does not include the thousands of books and magazines used in the reading rooms, of which no record is kept. 792,853 persons used the reading and reference rooms and over 31,000 visited the Museum and the exhibition rooms at the Main Library and branches.

During the year 22,747 books were purchased. These included a considerable number of valuable reference books on art which

have been placed in the Art Department in the Main Library. Nearly two-thirds of the books purchased had to be used to replace books worn out in service so that the actual increase in the Library's contents was 8,871 volumes.

The most important events in the Library's history during the year were the establishment of the Allen Memorial Room and the opening of the new branch Library in the Marion section. Early in the year, Mrs. Alvoni R. Allen presented to the Library all of her paintings, Oriental rugs, antique furniture and other works of art, as a memorial to the late Alvoni R. Allen, who was for many years the President of the Library Board. A large room on the fourth floor of the Main Library building was assigned to the collection and was equipped and furnished by Mrs. Allen for the exhibition of the various articles. The collection includes many valuable oil paintings, a large number of antique Oriental rugs, many of which are very rare, a large collection of antique furniture and many miscellaneous objects of art collected by Mr. and Mrs. Allen during their extended travels. The Allen Memorial Room was opened to the public on September 22nd, in connection with the Pavonia Tercentenary celebration. Nearly fifteen hundred

persons have visited the room during the short time it has been open.

The Marion Branch was opened December 1st in a rented building at 1017 West Side Avenue. This branch already contains several thousand volumes and more are being added. Beside the circulation department, the new branch is equipped for reading and study and there is a good collection of reference books. The principal magazines are regularly received and kept on file. The Marion Branch has not been open long enough to justify any prophecies as to its future, but the use it has already had and the interest manifested by the people living in this locality, would indicate that it will be one of the most popular library branches.

A new building for the Five Corners Branch is greatly needed, the present rented building being badly overcrowded. The selection of a suitable site for a new building is now under consideration.

The extension of the Main Library building which was completed the latter part of 1929 has proven very satisfactory. The new rooms are all in use and a number of much needed changes and improvements have been made. The new Technology Department, which was opened on the second floor of the new wing, has met with gratifying success and promises to be one of the most important departments

of the Library. It now contains about ten thousand volumes and is being rapidly enlarged. More than two thousand persons have used this department for study and research during the eight months it has been open and there is a large and increasing circulation of books for home use. The removal of the Law Library into a larger and better equipped room in the new part of the building has been appreciated and has resulted in a marked increase in attendance, over two thousand, five hundred lawyers and students having used this room during the year. The new rooms for the Teachers' Library and for the Business Research Department have also proven very satisfactory and a considerable increase in use is recorded. The additions to the work room and staff rooms have resulted in greatly increased efficiency in handling the books and improved the service. The new eight story book stack has relieved the crowded condition of the shelving and permitted the arrangement of the books to better advantage and enabled readers to obtain their books more quickly.

The work of the hospital library at the City Hospital has been continued with gratifying results. Similar service has been given at the Greenville Hospital and arrangements are being made to place a library in Christ Hospital.

MUSEUM

The Museum has been open to the public throughout the year. The attendant in charge gives her entire time to the care of the collections. The rearrangement, relabeling and cataloging of the articles is now practically completed. A number of miscellaneous articles of considerable interest have been added during the year. The exhibits of the Hudson County Historical Society have also been rearranged, labeled and catalogued by the Museum staff and this room is opened to the public each day.

EXHIBITIONS

There are exhibition rooms at the Bergen, Greenville and Pavonia Branch libraries containing permanent exhibitions of much interest. These have been open during the year and report a satisfactory attendance. A number of temporary exhibitions have been held at the Main Library and Branches, the more important of which are noted below:

Main Library:

Historical exhibition arranged by Pavonia Tercentenary Art Committee.

Bergen Branch:

Exhibition of paintings by a group of American Artists.

Fifty prints of the year 1929 by the American Institute of Graphic Arts.

Exhibitions of relics, curios and documents relating to Marquis de Lafayette.

Fifty books of the year and Printing for Commerce arranged by the American Institute of Graphic Arts.

Exhibition of Early American Architecture—by the Sons of the American Revolution.

Exhibition of cartoons and posters submitted by the Elementary and High Schools of Jersey City in competition for the prizes offered by the Pavonia Tercentenary Art Committee.

Exhibition of Children's Books.

Greenville Branch:

Exhibition of Children's Books.

Hudson City Branch:

Exhibition of Tropical Fish by the Hudson County Aquarium Society.

Pavonia Branch:

Exhibition of Children's Books.

MEETINGS

The auditoriums and some of the smaller rooms of the Main Library and Branches have been used for meetings by various educational organizations and several such organizations meet regularly in the Library rooms.

PUBLICATIONS

The most important publication issued during the year was the forty-four page "List of books and pamphlets relating to Jersey City," which is the most complete catalog of books about Jersey City that has ever been made. The "Souvenir Catalog of the Pavonia Tercentenary Exhibition," though paid for by the Tercentenary Art Committee, was actually a library publication as the compilation, editing and proof reading were done by the Library staff. This publication was a pamphlet of eighty-six pages and fourteen plates. Several thousand copies were printed and distributed during the celebration. Two other pamphlets in connection with the Tercentenary celebration were compiled and printed by the Library. These were: "Manners and Customs in Old Pavonia," and "Pavonia 1630-1930." These were distributed to all the schools throughout the City. The Library Record and the Summary of the Annual Report were published as usual, and various brief lists and announcements were issued. A number of book lists printed by other organizations were purchased and distributed by the Library.

STATISTICS

The following statistics will give some idea of the work of the Library during the past year:

CIRCULATION FOR HOME READING

Main Library	297,642
Bergen Branch	239,911
Dickinson High School Branch.....	76,574
Dickinson High School, Accredited Evening School Branch	2,072
Five Corners Branch	69,496
Greenville Branch	197,590
Hudson City Branch	141,972
Jersey City Hospital Branch.....	24,838
Lafayette Branch	83,592
Lincoln High School Branch.....	38,461
Marion Branch (December).....	7,583
Pavonia Branch	150,837
Snyder Junior High School Branch	33,194
Deposit collections	11,292
Schools	318,896
Stations	8,903
Entire system	1,702,853
Circulation per capita (1930 census)	5.37

REFERENCE USE

Main Library	105,696
Branches	347,166
Entire system	452,862
Total use of books	2,155,715
Number of pictures lent.....	16,826
Number of pictures used in build- ing	8,678
Number of stereoscopic pictures lent	7,419
Number of stereoscopic pictures used in building	15,050

ATTENDANCE IN READING AND REFERENCE ROOMS

Main Library	112,680
Branches	680,173
Entire system	792,853

ATTENDANCE AT EXHIBITIONS

Museum—Main Library	12,741
Exhibitions at Branches.....	18,392
Entire system	31,133

REGISTRATION

Number of new borrowers registered	8,526
Total number of registered borrowers	135,645

BOOKS

Books acquired	22,747
Books worn out and removed.....	13,876
Net gain	8,871
Number of books in Main Library	209,727
Number of books in branches.....	101,472
Total contents of Library system..	311,199

CATALOGUING

Number of books catalogued.....	23,073
Number of cards written.....	60,289

BINDING

New books bound	582
Books rebound	11,908
Total number of books bound.....	12,490

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The business depression has been accompanied by a marked increase in the use of the Public Library. All departments and branches report an exceptionally busy year. The reading and reference rooms have been crowded and the circulation of books for home reading exceeds that of the largest preceding year by 131,563.

This increase has not been in fiction and recreational reading, but, on the contrary, has been chiefly in serious reading. The Technology Department and the sections devoted to business and industrial subjects have been particularly well patronized. Thousands of unemployed men and women have come to the Library to study and to get books that might assist them in obtaining positions or fit them for new lines of work.

Never has the Library proved itself of such value to the community as during the present depression. Besides furnishing material for special study and training for business, industrial and professional pursuits, the Library has performed invaluable service in maintain-

ing the morale of the public by supplying the facilities for wholesome recreation. In this way it has helped to maintain the standards of good citizenship and has done much to combat the forces of unrest and discontent that are apt to arise during periods of unemployment.

The circulation of books for home use was 1,834,416, the largest in the history of the Library. In addition, 515,921 books were used in the reference rooms of the main library and branches. This does not include the books and magazines used in the reading rooms which would number many thousands. The number of persons using the reading and reference rooms was 886,463 and over 53,000 visited the Museum and exhibition rooms at the main library and branches.

During the year 26,287 books were purchased. Less fiction has been bought with the result that it has been possible to buy more books of permanent value. Books on business, industry and technology have been purchased extensively and a considerable number of valuable and useful art books have been procured, it being possible to buy such books at prices much lower than ever before. The purchase of books for the High School branches was materially increased. Special efforts were made to enlarge the branch library at the Henry Snyder Junior High School resulting in a marked increase in the use of that branch.

In November of 1931 the Trustees leased the first floor of the building at 115 Palisade Avenue for the establishment of a branch library. The floor space was rather small so the owners agreed to erect an extension and make some other alterations at their expense. This work is now under way and it is expected that it will be completed early in the present year. The location of this branch is excellent, being on a main thoroughfare in a closely settled residential section. The new branch, though small, will have provision for reading and reference use as well as for the circulation of books and will be furnished with ample shelving and all necessary library equipment.

With the opening of the Palisade Branch, the Public Library will have in addition to the Main building, eight branches in separate buildings, four of which are owned by the City and four rented; three branches in school buildings; a branch at the Medical Center; seven delivery stations; and deposit collections in the fire houses and in various institutions and business concerns.

Improvements have been made in some of the older branches. The reference room in the Greenville Branch was enlarged by the removal of the partition between the reference room and the two adjoining study rooms. This change was made necessary by the greatly increased use of the reference department. The enlargement has been a decided improvement in the appearance and conven-

ience of the room and has enabled the staff to give much better service.

Somewhat of an innovation in methods of library publicity was the installation of Neon electric signs on the Bergen Branch building. These signs, though small, are very effective and have received much favorable comment from the public. They have been placed on each side of the entrance and display the name of the library branch in blue letters. It is planned to install similar signs on some of the other library buildings as soon as funds are available.

The installation of the new mechanical charging system was completed during the year. This system, which is known as the Dickman system, is now in operation at the main library and all branches and is giving very satisfactory results. Under this method the number of the borrower's card and the date are recorded mechanically, instead of being written by hand and dated with a rubber stamp, as was necessary heretofore. The new method not only increases the speed and convenience in making the required records but insures absolute accuracy. The service at the loan desks has been greatly improved by the use of this method and it has received the hearty approval of the public.

The work of the Hospital Library at the Jersey City Medical Centre has been continued and shows considerable gain. Arrangements are being made to extend this service to the

new building as soon as it is occupied and also to the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital when it is opened.

In June of last year, a collection of books was installed in Christ Hospital and a member of the library staff visits the hospital three days a week and distributes books to every room and ward. This library contains about one thousand books with all necessary shelving and equipment including book trucks specially constructed for hospital service.

Full library service has been given to the Dickinson Accredited Evening High School and to the Lincoln Branch Summer School and the libraries have been open with the regular librarians in charge during the hours these special schools were in session.

MUSEUM

The Library Museum is located in the main library and together with the Alvoni, R. Allen Memorial Room occupies the entire fourth floor of the building. The museum is growing in popularity and is visited by constantly increasing numbers of people. Several interesting and valuable loan collections have been placed on exhibition during the year. Notable among these are the collection of antique furniture and works of art loaned by Mr. William Adair and the collection of antiques loaned by Mr. Francis Bennett. These collections contain a great many rare and beautiful objects and are a valuable addition to the

Museum. The Allen Memorial Room has been visited by large numbers of people, all of whom were impressed by the beauty and extent of the collection.

The increasing popularity of the Library Museum has had great influence in starting the Jersey City Museum Association which is now being organized with the hope of establishing in Jersey City a separate Museum with a suitable building and equipment.

The Library Museum and the Allen Memorial Room are open to the public every week day and there is an attendant on duty at all times to assist visitors.

EXHIBITIONS AND MEETINGS

The permanent exhibitions on view in the exhibition rooms at the Bergen, Greenville and Pavonia Branches have been continued during the year, and report an increasing attendance. There have also been a number of temporary exhibitions shown at these branches and also at the Main Library. These temporary and permanent exhibitions at the main library and branches were visited by 53,624 persons, an increase of more than twenty thousand over last year.

A number of educational organizations have held meetings in the auditoriums and in the smaller rooms of the main library and branches. These meetings have usually been well attended but no records of attendance have been kept.

STATISTICS

The most valuable services that a public library renders to its community cannot be measured by figures but the following statistics will give some idea of what the Jersey City Library has accomplished during the year 1931:

CIRCULATION FOR HOME READING

Main Library	326,840
Bergen Branch	249,445
Dickinson High School Branch.....	71,156
Dickinson High School, Accredited Evening School Branch	2,117
Five Corners Branch	63,329
Greenville Branch	212,161
Hudson City Branch	141,413
Lafayette Branch	85,096
Lincoln High School Branch.....	41,593
Marion Branch	82,627
Pavonia Branch	134,968
Snyder Junior High School Branch.	46,704
Medical Centre Branch	25,633
Christ Hospital Branch (June- December)	2,830
Deposit collections	16,335
Schools	325,379
Stations	6,790
Entire system	1,834,416
Circulation per capita (1930 census) ..	5.79

REFERENCE USE

Main Library	130,746
Branches	385,175
Entire system	515,921
Total use of books	2,350,337
Number of pictures lent.....	11,865
Number of pictures used in building	24,621
Number of stereoscopic pictures lent	1,870
Number of stereoscopic pictures used in building	34,205

ATTENDANCE IN READING AND REFERENCE ROOMS

Main Library	136,368
Branches	750,095
Entire system	886,463

ATTENDANCE AT EXHIBITIONS

Museum—Main Library	16,236
Exhibitions at Branches	37,388
Entire system	53,624

REGISTRATION

Number of new borrowers registered	8,387
Total number of registered borrowers	127,631

BOOKS

Books acquired	26,287
Books worn out and removed.....	16,204
Net gain	10,083
Number of books in Main Library..	215,889
Number of books in branches.....	105,393
Total contents of Library system...	321,282

CATALOGUING

Number of books catalogued	27,246
Number of cards written	64,937

BINDING

New books bound	527
Books rebound	16,483
Total number of books bound.....	17,010

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Sundays and holidays.....2—9 P. M.

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Bergen Branch, Bergen and Clinton Avenues

Five Corners Branch, 558 Summit Avenue

Greenville Branch, Boulevard and Stevens Avenue

Hudson City Branch, 14-16 Zabriskie Street

Lafayette Branch, 307 Pacific Avenue

Marion Branch, 1017 West Side Avenue

Palisade Branch, 115 Palisade Avenue

Pavonia Branch, Pavonia Avenue and East Hamilton Place

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Week' days9 A. M.—8:30 P. M.

READING ROOMS

Week days9 A. M.—10 P. M.

BRANCHES IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Dickinson High School Branch

Lincoln High School Branch

Snyder Junior High School Branch

Open on all school days, 9 A. M.—4:30 P. M.

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The various activities and services of the Library were continued during 1944. During the past three years one of the most important objectives of the Library has been to furnish the public with accurate information concerning the progress of the war and the establishment of the peace. The Library has been designated by the Government as a war information center, the official publications of the Government are received and kept on file and the latest and best books on the war are made available. Books for the use of war workers and books on the problems of the home front are supplied. Wholesome recreational reading has been furnished and has helped to keep up the morale of the men and women on the home front faced with the strain and uncertainties of war conditions.

BOOKS READ

The circulation of books for home reading has of course been much below normal because of the many men and women in service or engaged in war work. The number of books borrowed for home reading during 1944 was 1,178,742. In addition 551,157 books were used in the Library rooms. Books on the war are still in great demand and the reading of books on post war problems has increased. Books on nutrition, victory gardens, canning, cooking and consumer problems have been very popular. The reading of religious and inspirational books has shown a marked increase during the war. Recreational reading has continued as usual.

BOOK STOCK

The Library now contains 425,134 volumes. More than fifteen thousand volumes were added in 1944 but because of the great number of books that were worn out and withdrawn and the difficulty of getting replacements the actual increase in book stock was very small. However many of the special collections were greatly enlarged and the best and most important of the new publications were added. A large proportion of the books acquired during the year were permanent and valuable additions to the Library.

REFERENCE WORK

Nearly four hundred thousand persons used the Reference departments in the Main Library and branches for research and study during 1944. The collections of bound periodicals, business books, art and music were used constantly. Reference work in the branch libraries shows a considerable increase.

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

This department reports a busy year. The demand for books on new industries and new methods and for books on plastics, electronics, air conditioning, industrial chemistry, etc. has greatly increased. This department has been enlarged and now contains more than ten thousand volumes. New technical publications are added as soon as published. The principal technical periodicals are received regularly and kept on file.

LAW LIBRARY

Nearly twenty-five hundred persons used the Law Library Branch. This Library is maintained by the Public Library and is located in the building of the Hudson County Bar Association. It is open daily from 9:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. All the current law publications are added regularly and in addition several valuable sets of law books were added during the year.

HOSPITAL LIBRARY

The Hospital Library is maintained at the Medical Center with a permanent collection of several thousand volumes in charge of a trained librarian from the staff of the Public Library. The librarian visits the patients at regular intervals with books and magazines, assists the patients in making selections and takes requests for other books to be delivered from the Main Library. Approximately thirty-nine thousand books were read by the patients during 1944 an increase over the preceding year.

WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The Library has made an important contribution toward prevention of juvenile delinquency. During the war when so many parents are absent from home the Library has maintained comfortable attractive rooms where the children may spend hours reading, looking at pictures and stereopticon views. At the Bergen Branch it has presented exhibitions of paintings of interest to children and in the Museum rooms at the Main Library it has conducted recreational games, hand craft work, and children's clubs of various kinds. The Story Hour is a popular feature in the Children's Department. These activities have been conducted by members of the Library and Museum Staffs. All this is in addition to the circulation of thousands of volumes of wholesome recreational and character building books.

THE MUSEUM

The Museum is maintained by the Library and occupies the entire fourth floor of the Main building. It has been open throughout the year with a large attendance. One of the most important features of the Museum program is work with young people. The Junior Museum has special exhibits of art, science and history arranged to attract and interest children. Clubs and study groups meet regularly under the direction of the museum staff and include nature study, arts and crafts, clay modeling, health, nutrition and others. A Victory club for the collection of wastepaper and other material has been particularly active during the year and has collected much waste material of use in the war effort. The children have shown great interest in all these activities and the rooms have been crowded every day during the year.

The Jersey City Museum Association in co-operation with the Library held nine loan exhibitions. The most outstanding of these was the exhibition of paintings of Hudson County artists, the exhibition of the Painters and Sculptors Society of New Jersey and the Nutrition Exhibition which was held in co-operation with the Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce and the Council of Social Agencies. This exhibition was opened with a public meeting at which an interesting program was given consisting of motion pictures, and speeches by City Commissioner

Arthur Potterton, Mr. George Schaefer of the Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Richard Hunke of the Council of Social Agencies and Miss Marie Doerman, State Nutrition Chairman. Mrs. John B. Bruns of the Jersey City Chapter of the Red Cross was chairman.

The attendance at the Junior Museum during 1944 was 26,766 and 17,575 persons visited the exhibitions held at the Bergen Branch galleries.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations program has been greatly extended during the year. Friendly relations and co-operation have been established with the principal cultural and civic organizations of the city. The Library is represented in many of these organizations by membership of the Librarian and others from the Library Staff. This has resulted in creating friendly relations and the acquisition of new library friends and borrowers.

Many exhibitions of books, posters, pictures and other material have been arranged and have created much favorable publicity. Among these were Manners and customs of Russia, Chinese life and customs, Free French, Camping, Women at work, South America, Woodrow Wilson, Elections and Government and an exhibit of Nature Study in co-operation with the New Jersey Library Commission.

The Librarian and several members of the Staff attended the Library Institute held at the Trenton State Teachers College by the Public Library Commission. Several exhibits were set up by the Jersey City Library and shown at the meetings.

The Labor Institute held at New Brunswick by the New Jersey Federation of Labor, was attended by the Director of Public Relations. An artist from the Jersey City Library Staff painted the figures which were used for the exhibit planned and executed by the New Jersey Library Commission. In cooperation with the State Library Commission, an exhibition showing the help given to New Jersey libraries by the New Jersey Federation of Womens Clubs was prepared and shown at the Convention of the New Jersey Womens Clubs held in the New Yorker Hotel in New York City. In connection with the Victory Garden campaign a miniature garden was set up and exhibited at the Main Library. A list of books on vegetable gardening was printed and distributed in large numbers.

THE WAR EFFORT

The Library has contributed to the war effort in many ways. Exhibitions and meetings have been arranged to help the sale of bonds and for the recruiting of men and women for war work. It has given rooms for draft boards, Red Cross work, nursing instruction and for meetings of

groups engaged in war activities. The Library staff has assisted in all the campaigns to raise money for Red Cross and war charities.

The most important contribution to the war effort has been in helping the sale of bonds and informing the public of the danger of inflation and the necessity of saving. The Library took an active part in the War Loan campaigns held in 1944. An exhibition of paintings was held in connection with the fourth loan held in January and a considerable amount of bonds were sold during the exhibition. For the Fifth Loan a war bond poster contest was held with the co-operation of the Museum Association. The State and local bond committees assisted in the selection of the winners and presented the awards. During the Sixth Loan campaign many of the libraries in New Jersey participated in the sale of bonds and publicising the campaign. The Jersey City Library set up exhibitions, distributed circulars, and sent out letters urging the purchase of bonds with the result that the Jersey City Library won first place among the libraries in the State and was awarded the manuscript of Ambassador Dodd's Diary by the Book and Author War Bond Committee of New York.

STATISTICS FOR 1944



CIRCULATION FOR HOME READING

Main Library	242,645
Bergen Branch	85,316
Dickinson High School Branch	35,757
Dickinson High School - Accredited	
Evening School Branch	1,529
Ferris High School Branch	10,541
Five Corners Branch	37,581
Greenville Branch	104,771
Hudson City Branch	61,661
Lafayette Branch	23,656
Lincoln High School Branch	38,704
Marion Branch	40,392
Medical Center Branch	39,128
Palisade Branch	27,543
Pavonia Branch	64,699
Henry Snyder High School Branch	23,213
Henry Snyder High School Annex Branch	1,975
Deposit Collections	4,653
Schools	334,165
Stations	813
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REFERENCE USE

Main Library	86,739
Branches	464,418
Entire System	551,157

Total use of books	1,729,899
Number of pictures lent	2,128
Number of pictures used in building	7,831
Number of stereoscopic pictures lent	900
Number of stereoscopic pictures used in buildings	91,005

ATTENDANCE IN READING AND REFERENCE ROOMS

Main Library	81,134
Branches	582,793
Entire System	663,927

ATTENDANCE AT EXHIBITIONS

Exhibitions at Main Library and Branches	44,341
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REGISTRATION

Number of new borrowers registered	4,830
Total number of registered borrowers	88,887

BOOKS

Books acquired	15,101
Books worn out and removed	14,728
Net gain	373
Number of books in Main Library	268,911
Number of books in Branches	156,223
Total contents of Library System	425,134

CATALOGUING

Number of books catalogued	17,703
Number of cards written	54,006
Library of Congress and Wilson Co. cards added	20,224
Total catalog cards added	74,230

BINDING

New books bound	481
Books rebound	10,200
Total number of books bound	10,681



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MAIN LIBRARY

Jersey Avenue, Montgomery and Mercer Streets

BRANCHES

Bergen Branch	Bergen and Clinton Avenues
Five Corners Branch	588 Summit Avenue
Greenville Branch	Boulevard and Stevens Avenue
Hudson City Branch	14-16 Zabriskie Street
Lafayette Branch	307 Pacific Avenue
Marion Branch	1017 West Side Avenue
Palisade Branch	115 Palisade Avenue
Pavonia Branch	Pavonia Ave. and East Hamilton Place
Law Library Branch	930 Bergen Avenue
Hospital Branch	Medical Center Jersey City
Open to patients and nurses.	

HIGH SCHOOL BRANCHES

Dickinson High School

James J. Ferris High School

Lincoln High School

Henry Snyder High School

